The Long-Term Care Statistics Branch is pleased to release residential care community-specific state web tables, using data from the first wave of the National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP) conducted in 2012. NSLTCP is a new initiative by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to provide reliable, accurate, relevant and timely statistical information to support and inform long-term care services policy, research, and practice. The main goals of NSLTCP are to: (1) estimate the supply and use of paid, regulated long-term care services providers; (2) estimate key policy-relevant characteristics and practices; (3) produce national and state-level estimates, where feasible; (4) compare estimates among sectors; and (5) monitor trends over time.

NSLTCP comprises two components: (1) survey data collected by NCHS on assisted living and similar residential care communities and adult day services centers; and (2) administrative data on nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospices obtained from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The restricted 2012 survey data files for residential care communities and adult day services centers are available through NCHS’ Research Data Center (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsltcp/nsltcp_new_data_release.html).

The four residential care community-specific state web tables complement Data Brief #170 and Data Brief #171. Table 1 provides state estimates of the characteristics presented in Data Brief #170 and Table 2 provides the standard errors for those estimates. The same applies to Tables 1 and 2 for Data Brief #171.

Data are presented in the state web tables only if they meet NCHS’ confidentiality standards. Footnotes are included in the state web tables to indicate if estimates do not meet NCHS’ confidentiality standards. Estimates are presented as percentages. There are states in the tables where estimates for selected characteristics are not presented because they do not meet NCHS’ confidentiality standards. The data sources and methodology used to develop the state web tables are the same as that used for NCHS Data Briefs #170 and #171. For more information on the data source and methodology, please see the “Data source and methods” section on p.7 in Data Brief #170 and p.6 in Data Brief #171.

The residential care community survey was conducted between September 2012 and February 2013. NSLTCP used a multi-mode survey protocol with mail, web, and telephone follow-up for nonresponse. The questionnaires included survey items on provider characteristics such as ownership, size, number of years in operation, services offered, and selected practices, in addition to aggregate user characteristics, such as age, sex, race, and the number of residents with selected medical conditions and the number of residents needing assistance with selected activities of daily living (ADLs). The 2012 residential care community mail questionnaire is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsltcp/nsltcp_questionnaires.htm. Survey data were collected by RTI International under contract to NCHS. Survey documentation is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nsltcp/NSLTCP_survey_methodology_and_documentation.pdf.

The residential care community sampling frame was constructed from lists of licensed residential care communities acquired from the licensing agencies in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. A sample of 11,690 residential care communities was selected from the sampling frame of 39,779 communities. Of the 7,840 in-scope and presumed in-scope residential care communities, 4,694 of them completed the survey questionnaire, for a weighted response rate (for differential probabilities of selection) of 55.4% (this is calculated by using AAPOR’s Response Rate 4).

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